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FILE NO 100-7617 MM

REPORT MADE AT HOUSTON, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 10-4-46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-28 to 10-1-46	REPORT MADE BY ARDIS C. HOPPER
TITLE UNITED NEGRO AND ALLIED VETERANS OF AMERICA		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

UNAVA still dominated in Houston area by State Headquarters of the Communist Party. Entire state membership UNAVA set out.

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REFERENCE: DEC Report of Special Agent ARDIS C. HOPPER dated 5-29-46, at Houston, Texas.
Report of Special Agent ROBERT S. KELLEY at Chicago, Illinois, dated 4-24-46.

DETAILS: AT HOUSTON, TEXAS: CONF. INT.

Investigation of this case in the Houston Field Division was conducted as a result of information furnished by [redacted] to the effect that the Communist Party Headquarters in Houston has been influential in sponsoring the activities of the UNAVA in the Houston area.

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[redacted] advised that on the night of July 22, 1946, a meeting was held at the NAACP Hall at Houston for the purpose of making arrangements for a visit to Houston by the National Commander of the UNAVA, KENNETH C. KENNEDY, around the first of August, 1946. At this meeting on July 22, were INEZ WRIGHT, Chairman of the City Branch of the Communist Party, LULU WAYNE, member of the State Executive Committee of the Communist Party, and KENNETH SUSSAN, member of the State Executive Committee of the Communist Party. At this meeting it was decided to get all the veterans of World War II together at a meeting during KENNEDY's visit to Houston. It was pointed out that this meeting should be held under the auspices of the UNAVA, but that the Communist Party would use the meeting for the distribution of Communist literature in the interest of the advancement of the colored people.

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has gotten the impression that organizing chapters on a citywide basis is the important thing. He states that this will obtain members more readily and start the ball rolling in terms of dues payments.

As a further indication of the influence of the Communist Party in this organization is a letter dated 7-16-46 from J. D. BAKERFIELD, Regional Director, to W. H. CRAWFORD, State Negro Organizer for the Communist Party. This latter states in part, "I am scheduled to go to Calvert, Texas, the fourth Sunday coming to set up a veteran's organization. Will you go along with me? My real interest now is hearing from you and SMITH about the papers. Please let me hear from you early. I would like to get something done on incorporating our state very soon now. The National Office is anxious to hear about it".

The SMITH referred to in this letter is ROBERT L. SMITH, of Houston, Secretary of the Texas Provisional Committee, UNAVA.

On October 1, 1946, [redacted] furnished the following list of members of the UNAVA. This list was obtained from the Texas State Headquarters of the Communist Party, 305 Hermann Building, Houston, Texas. It will be noted that the addresses for some of the members set out in this list are addresses outside the state of Texas.

Fred W. Estes
Augustin Estrada
Claude B. Fair
W. H. Crawford
Samuel W. Katz
Ellwood Criscom
William Leiner
Jesse G. Thompson
Robert V. Toussaint
Tom Friedman
B. A. Adams, Jr.
Lyman Pipperton
K. C. Stanford
Oliver C. Sutton
R. L. Smith
Sam Edwards
Jack Rye
J. D. Barefield
Leroy Singleton
Preston Williams
Nobos Johnson
Howard Sampson
Scott Mills
Earl Sampson

Dallas, Texas
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Houston
Houston
San Antonio
Austin
Austin
Houston
Houston
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San Antonio
Austin
Houston
San Antonio
Houston
Dallas
Houston
Galveston
Highlands
Goose Creek
Baytown
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Baytown
Baytown

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T/4 Boswell Buchanan
 Sgt. Alfred E. Crain
 S/Sgt. Arthur Baker
 M/Sgt. Frank L. Ferguson

Julian Garfield
 Jessie Isabella
 Rev. E. Floyd
 A. L. Clark

George Deanne
 Ruben Hall
 Fred Johnson
 Barry Eliee
 Walter Lawrence
 X Howland Ware
 E. C. Collins
 Robert Emerick
 M. M. Taylor
 Mrs. Rachel Wells
 Miss Marie Lillie
 Mr. Edward Cot
 Sgt. Spingarn B.inkley
 Pvt. Eugene Chase

O. C. Horton
 Ozell P. Henry
 Vernon C. Asford
 Lamar Anderson
 M. Sellers
 Malcolm Jenkins
 Charles E. Talbert
 Leo Baker
 Pvt. Ernest Petrie
 Sgt. Howard Dr. Cash
 PFC Sherwood Brewer
 Cpl. John Reeves Wright
 Cpl. Ernest C. Withers
 Mrs. Hazel Wright
 Miss Claudine Leigh
 Miss Montrose Wilson
 Wm. P. Brooks
 Miss Harriet Dawkins
 Miss Jimmie Lee Burgess
 Miss Unica Thompson

John T. Fields

1062 Manassas St.

Jackson, Miss.
 New York City
 New York City,
 c/o Morrow Worth Store

Chicago, Illinois
 Baltimore, 17, Md.
 San Francisco 15,
 California
 Lawrenceville, Penna.
 Philadelphia, Penna.
 Plainfield, N.J.
 Washington, D.C.
 Brooklyn, New York
 Washington, D.C.
 Bastrop, Texas
 Ft. Wayne, Indiana
 Alexandria, Louisiana
 Alexandria, Louisiana
 Kansas City, Mo.
 Alexandria, La.

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 Buffalo, New York
 Philadelphia, Penna.
 Springfield, Mass.
 New York City
 Berkley Be-0667
 Ft. Wayne, Indiana
 Memphis, Tenn.
 Chicago, Illinois
 Indianapolis, Ind.
 Memphis, Tenn.
 Camp Livingston, La.
 Atlanta, Georgia

Washington, D.C.
 Spartanburg, Florida
 New Orleans, La.
 Pensacola, Fla.
 USO Club
 Philadelphia, Penna.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

HOUSTON FIELD DIVISION

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Will through confidential sources keep advised of the activities of the UNAVA in the Houston area and the Communist influence in this organization.